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PATENT APPLICATION

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masaru OKUTSU et al. Group Art Unit: 2624

Application No.: 10/725,423 Examiner: Y. GE

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, METHOD AND PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the June 5, 2007 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, Figure 2. Applicants submit that claims 1-10 and 21-26 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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